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Joan Baez does a free concert in Boston on the Common. See story on page 8

Jacques and The Other Side

Bars Ordered Out

By kevin j. mcgirr

The Licensing Board for the city of Boston on July 21, ordered that Jacques and the Other Side relocate by December 31, 1975 or face suspension of their license. The ruling came two months after neighborhood complaints and license violations were brought before the Licensing Board in a public hearing.

The Board's decision raised question and confusion. Police attorney Michael Demarco in an interview with a *Herald American* reporter, stated that the Board's decision was illegal; posing the question of whether the Licensing Board has the jurisdiction to order the bars to relocate. Mr. Demarco was the prosecuting attorney for the Police Department before the Licensing Board whose aim was to have the bars' licenses revoked or cut back to an earlier closing time. Demarco has expressed that the Board's decision has effectively insured that the bars will be operating for a long time while the situation is tied up in appeal.

Frank Cashman, manager of the Other Side, echoed Demarco's opinion on the questionable legality of the Board's decision. Cashman told GCN that he felt the decision was "ludicrous," adding that the Board, "does not have the power of eminent domain." Cashman emphasized that the Board's decision proved that the bars were guilty of no offense but were victims of a hostile attempt by people "who just don't want us here." The bar ownership now has an appeal before the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission and is fairly confident that the Commission will reverse the decision of the local board. A reversal of the decision will mean that a whole new suit must be initiated before action

can be taken on the bars' licenses.

GCN contacted Braley Gray, president of The Bay Village Neighborhood Association, whose organization was responsible for bringing complaints of noise, violence and disruption against the bars to the Licensing Board. Gray welcomed the Board's decision, stating that he felt that it was made in the Neighborhood's favor. Gray said that he will be happy to see the bars go, but expressed reservation because of the legal ambiguity around the Board's decision.

The *Boston Globe* in an editorial Thursday said, "The Board was at its judicious best in handling the case against the Bay Village bars, and if the Varas lack the grace to accept a good compromise, they might at least have the wisdom to accept it as a more sympathetic ruling than they would have received from any of their numerous detractors."

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Meanwhile in David Farrell's *Globe* column headed "Reaction to ruling on two gay bars could hurt White" it was noted that three lawyers who read newspaper accounts of the decision have told Farrell that they believe the ruling is so loosely drawn that an appellate court is certain to negate it."

Farrell went on to quote Assistant Corporation Counsel, Michael Demarco, who prosecuted the case for the police: "We asked that the bars be closed down . . . why did they go out of their way to make it possible for the bars to make a case for the legality of their decision? All I can say is they did some fancy footwork which assures the gay bars in this case to operate until 1985 before the situation is resolved in the courts."

Murder in Cambridge Cruising Area

CAMBRIDGE — A man was found critically injured in a gay cruising area in Cambridge. Walter H. Flannigan, 881 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, was found in the park at the corner of Boylston Street and Memorial Drive July 16 at 2:35 a.m. He was taken to Mt. Auburn Hospital where he died July 19 at 9 a.m. from serious head injuries.

Two gay men, who wish to remain anonymous, told GCN that they stumbled across Flannigan lying on a blanket near the edge of the river. His face was "all bloody" as if someone had "beat his head in with a stone," one of the two said.

At that same area on Monday, July 21, a GCN reporter observed three young men running around the bushes swinging belt buckles and chains, yelling "I'm going to knife a faggot" and "Where's my ax?" Police who were called to investigate this disturbance responded quickly. The three later told police and the GCN reporter that they were "straight" and some gay men had been bothering them. The three stated that they "only wanted to scare them, we don't really have any knives." MDC officers searched the

three to assure that they were not carrying weapons.

Generally the Cambridge bushes are free of trouble. Part of the reason may be that the area is not easily accessible by foot. The type of gay man that goes to this area usually drives his own car and may stop-off on his way home from the bars. But this area has been the scene of several incidents lately. The same weekend as Flannigan's assault, two men were found drowned in the Charles River. The bodies of a man and a woman have also been found there this past week.

GCN talked with the MDC officer, Sgt. Roche, who had been the first to respond to the call about Flannigan. When asked about the Flannigan investigation Roche said, "How can we get any information? The gays want our protection but aren't willing to help us. Gays won't even give us their real names and addresses. I've seen gays rolled since 1946. Straights know that they can get away with it because they won't be prosecuted."

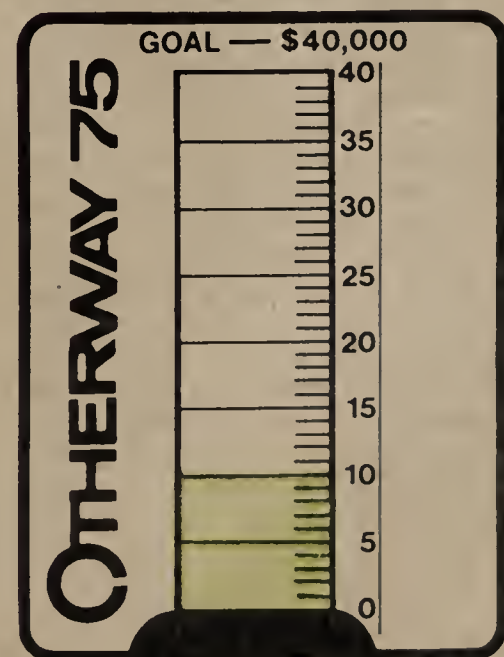
GCN has asked Roche for an interview, which he agreed to, but MDC Lower Basin Headquarters has not yet approved the interview.

Poetry Readings

The Good Gay Poets of Provincetown have lost the use of the Provincetown Artists Association building for their Thursday night readings. The building use was suspended after there were objections to a poster, advertising the event, that showed two men engaging in gymnastic sexual activity.

The Artists Association had been granted the right to serve liquor at an opening; loss of this privilege was the pressure brought on the Artists Association if they allowed the Good Gay Poets to hold the readings.

GGP plans to contact an attorney to see if their right to use the hall can be restored. If this action fails, they intent to hold the reading on the steps of the Association building.



Otherway '75, the fund-raising campaign of Otherfund Inc., has a goal of raising \$40,000, which will be used to help support gay organizations and projects in the Boston area. Cheques and letters should be addressed to Otherfund Inc., P.O. Box 1997, Boston, Mass. 02105.



news notes

LESBIAN MOTHER WINS APPEAL

(Come Out Fighting) In late May Lynda, a lesbian mother won an appeal to have her children remain in her custody.

Lynda has had a two-year struggle in court battles with her parents. Behind her back her parents gained custody of her children. Lynda and her lover, Kelly, and her children fled but after nine months of hiding the young children were returned to Lynda's parents.

The children however hated living with their grandparents and ran back to Lynda. This changed the light of the case. After signing statements saying they wanted to stay with their mother rather than return to their grandparents the courts gave Lynda custody.

MORE SERVICE GAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The *Washington Star News* reports that nearly 10 percent of an entire company of 87 officers and enlisted women at Camp Elmore have either been discharged, released or investigated in connection with homosexual activities. An Atlantic Fleet Marine Force Headquarters spokesperson confirmed the story stating that five women were given either honorable or general discharges, two were released on "expiration of their enlistments" and two other cases of "suspected lesbianism" are "being investigated."



NO DORIS DAY

Legalization of homosexual acts was one of the hottest topics at a conference on victimless crime at the University of South Florida in mid-July. The legalization was advocated by Louie Crew, professor of English at Fort Valley State College in Georgia. Crew is "married to the editor of *The Gay Academic*," another male.

"Your laws are madness and your behavior is inhumane to the extreme. You won't arrest me and my husband because it would expose you," Crew said. "My husband and I do not want to smell clean or be on your Geritol commercials . . . I personally find Doris Day obscene, but I don't want to outlaw her," he concluded.

SORRY!!!

The page one photo of the demonstration against the Catholic Church's position on a New York gay rights bill was taken by John Lauritsen. Lauritsen's name was inadvertently omitted from the photo. Sorry . . .

"MOM"

DALLAS, Texas — Jerry Jean Michael, called "Mom" by his children, appeared in women's clothes in a Dallas court to answer charges linked to his promotion of a three-wheeled car. Michael, 47, posed as the female president of 20th Century Motor Car Corp., and claims harrassment by the auto industry. He claims he is a woman because he underwent surgery eight years ago.

NAVAL RESERVE COMMANDER

A Naval Reserve Commander, discharged for homosexuality, has filed a Federal Court suit to remain in the Navy. Gary Newton Hess, a teacher from Santa Barbara, California has demanded that the Court overturn his discharge and also strike down the Navy's regulations barring homosexuals from service. He also asked for \$10,000 in a suit that included Defense Secretary Schlesinger and Navy Secretary Middelndorf as defendants.

A three-person fitness board recommended Hess' honorable discharge for homosexuality early in this month after a U.S. District Judge had denied the Commander's request for a restraining order to halt the hearing. Hess, who calls himself a bisexual, is the highest ranking military officer to challenge the services' prohibitions on homosexuality.

OH, HUBERT

I am pleased to reiterate a statement I made to the press in June 1972 regarding homosexuals. It remains my position at this time.

I see no reason why homosexual Americans should be excluded from equal protection under the law. I am against arbitrary discrimination against homosexuals, especially as it pertains to unfair occupational hiring practices. Homosexuals are citizens: let us treat them as such.

Hubert H. Humphrey
June 3, 1975

NOBLE: MS

Judith Nies' review of Elaine Noble in the August issue of *MS* magazine gives a glowing report of the legislator. It traces her steps from childhood to college, to the Governor's commission on the Status of Women, to the legislature. The article scans her political life nicely but leaves you wondering about her personal life. An interesting article if one knows little about Elaine Noble.

Elaine Noble will appear on "Goodnight America", ABC-TV, Channel 5, on Thursday, July 31 at 2 am. Her topic will be homosexuality.

OPEN HOUSE IN N.H.

HARRISVILLE, N.H. — Libow Pottery has announced "open house" on Saturday nights. Lauren Libow and Lisa Fitterer are offering their shop as a meeting place for gays. If you are interested in an informal atmosphere for congenial conversation, Harrisville is located between Peterborough and Keene. For more information you may call (603) 827-3388.

GOOD KIDS

You can't always tell but they can. Most adults have trouble telling a girl baby from a boy baby at first glance, but tests done by ETS in Princeton, N.J. indicate that even babies as young as seven months can easily identify the sex of other infants.

Even more interesting, babies show a definite preference for babies and adults of their own sex.

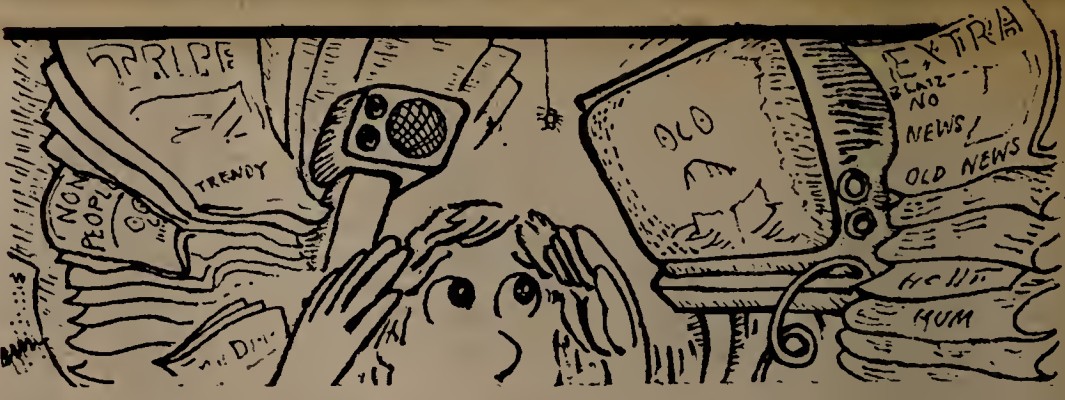
MCC

HARTFORD — When the names of the 32 New Orleans fire victims were read at MCC Hartford, July 20, Gay Community Memorial Service, the surprised congregation heard a familiar voice. It belonged to George Athenson, Hartford's colorful and popular mayor.

As the service began, a chauffeured limousine, complete with rooftop bubble gum light, headed the wrong way up one-way Amity Street to deliver the mayor to the MCC Center to take part in the service.

Invited to attend by F. Jay Deacon, pastor, Athenson had responded with a promise to fit a 10 minute visit into a heavily scheduled evening. After 10 minutes, however, he sent his chauffeur home and stayed through the entire service, including participation in communion.

After the service Athenson joined in the anniversary celebration for GCN correspondent Tom Caruso and mate John Crowley. Tom Caruso's mother attended.



Did You See?

By Tony Caporaletti, Jr.

OLD PROCESS, NEW NAME

The TV Guide for Tuesday, July 22, 1975 at 1 a.m. for Channel 4 and 10, the NBC stations in the New England area, read: Tomorrow: Tom Snyder — Homosexuality is scheduled to be discussed. (60 min.) What the show turned out to be in reality was an interview with four former male homosexuals. This particular therapy, devised by an absent Eli Segal, has had some degree of success. Out of 250 people counseled, 63 made the "Big Change." Failures were attributed to the program being too "tough" for some.

According to the men, all homosexuality arises from contempt of the world. As one of them said, "It makes me not like myself. It made me 'H'." All homosexuals have a deep-rooted desire to change.

No one is in a position to dispute the results of this "new" attempt to reform homosexuals; but one may ask questions. The first being, what about gay women? Are shock treatments or drug therapy used? Why could the men not pronounce the word Homosexuality? Are they afraid to even mention the word? If they do so will it change them back into homos?

But as far as the civil rights of the individual go, if this program is forced

NU GSO DORM PROGRAM

The Northeastern University Gay Student Organization (GSO) has drafted a proposal for the training of dormitory Resident Assistants in dealing with gay issues.

At this time, the proposal, which features an afternoon consciousness-raising session to be run by the Homophile Community Health Service, has been endorsed by the university's Counseling and Testing Department.

The program also calls for an official statement by the Northeastern Housing Office condemning any harassment of gay students in the dorms, and saying that the Resident Assistants will enforce such a rule.

The GSO will be producing packets of gay community information for the Resident Assistants and the incoming Freshpeople, as well as getting the GCN and the Gay Person's Guide to New England available in the campus bookstore.

EXODUS HOUSE DINNER

Father Paul Shanley has wanted a house and property to serve as an inn for the homosexual and bisexual minorities. He has found such an inn, and it can be had for \$100,000. A drive has been started to raise the money. To accelerate that drive a banquet is being given August 4.

The banquet is being given by Tony Bosco, who owns The House Restaurant in Allston. Admission will be \$25.00 and Tony promises a feast.

Please call for reservations since the restaurant has a limited capacity.

The House Restaurant is located on Wilton Street in Allston, which is off Cambridge Street near Harvard Ave. The telephone number is 783-5131.

on any gay person then it will be wrong. The issue is that an individual has a right to his own morality, and his own way of life as long as it is not harming others.

STEREOTYPING

Give or I'll Steal Your Purse: The United Givers Fund, which has had to cope with a Black United Fund and the possible withdrawal of Prince George's County, now has something else to worry about. In Boston, homosexuals have started a "Gay United Fund" and the movement is spreading to other cities. (Capitol Comment, *The Washingtonian*, July 1975)

A QUIZ:

Dr. Crane's Quiz: 1. Which one of these needs psychiatric counseling? Thesbian, Lesbian, Equestrian, Pedestrian. Answer: Lesbian, a female homosexual. [Dr. Crane is a nationally syndicated columnist]

DRAGULA

"Dragula? Police are keeping an eye out for a six-foot transvestite wearing fangs and a black cape, reported to be lurking around Miami Beach. They've dubbed the nightstalker, Gayzilla." (*Playboy*, August 1975)

HCHS

Homophile Community Health Service has hired a full-time coordinator of Alcohol Services under a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, Division of Alcoholism. Susan Orr fills this position with a professional and personal background in clinical psychology, alcohol abuse and addiction, and gay experience.

In order for this Alcohol Services to operate as planned, a volunteer staff of six to eight persons is vitally needed and is being recruited at this time. The coordinator and volunteer staff will function as a team within and outside of HCHS as they concentrate upon helping the gay individual who either abuses alcohol or is alcoholic.

The projected activities and goals of this important service are numerous and challenging: 1) individual and group counseling; 2) increasing cooperation and understanding through education and sensitivity training with alcohol treatment facilities; 3) developing a group of support persons to facilitate the stay of a gay person in detox and rehabilitation facilities, which will involve conferring with their staff, visitation, and transportation to A.A. and A.T. (Alcoholics Together) meetings; 4) giving information about alcoholism and eliciting support from gay organizations to provide a broad support system within the gay community itself for those who are struggling to overcome this difficult and destructive problem or disease, as the case may be; 5) setting up a confidential and reliable telephone counseling and referral component.

Within the Route 128 Boston target area, there are 85,000 to 95,000 gays. Of this population 2000 gays are statistically calculated to have alcoholism. Gay people are no more or less prone to have the disease of alcoholism than any other group; however, the gay community for such various reasons as personal pressures and the role of bars in the gay culture is a "high risk" area for alcohol abuse and subsequently, addiction. Many gays have been reluctant to seek help in existing agencies

for alcohol abuse or addiction.

In the case of alcohol addiction, unless the alcoholic admits the problem, accepts it, and wants to do something about it, there is no hope of recovery. Nevertheless, as a concerned and caring community we can do much which will help a person face and come to terms with an alcohol problem. We can raise our own consciousness and knowledge of alcohol abuse through



Photo by Jane Picard

the gay media, talking with recovering gay alcoholics, and contacting the Alcohol Services at HCHS. We have help available and must not ignore the problem when we see it, whether it is a matter of a painful confrontation with a friend or lover, or not serving alcohol to someone we know is harmfully abusing it on a personal and social level. Taking passive and "tolerant" stands do not lead to help but often only tend to convince the alcohol abuser that he or she is getting away with something, or that indeed there is no problem — exactly what this person wants to believe.

The award of this grant to the HCHS is an important beginning towards answering an urgent need in our community. It offers all of us a special opportunity to create and bring to reality a significant and proud contribution in health care service. Persons interested in the volunteer positions or in any aspect of this service should call Susan Orr at 542-5188 or 542-6075, after 1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Mass. Legislators

By David Brill

BOSTON — Sixteen Massachusetts state legislators sent an angry letter to President Ford in protest of the discharge of PFC Barbara Randolph and PV2 Debbie Watson. The solons urged the president "to impress upon the Armed Services Committee the importance of these unfair practices and the immediate necessity of changing provisions of the code so that, in the future, these discriminating discharges will not happen again."

"We feel it is time for the armed services to recognize that sexual preference has no bearing on an individual's ability to capably perform their duties," the legislators said.

A reply to their letter was immediately received. Brigadier General Philip Kaplan, director of Military Personnel Management for the Department of the Army, answered the legislators' letter on July 17, stating he was acting on behalf of President Ford.

"Department of the Army policy requires prompt separation of homosexuals," Kaplan replied. "The homosexual person is considered unacceptable for military service and is not permitted to serve in the Army in any capacity."

"Wholesome and healthful . . ."

Kaplan argued that "knowledge of male or female homosexuals in a military unit would seriously impair discipline, good order, morale, and security. Further, the Department of the Army has an obligation and responsibility to provide our young men and women in the Army with the most wholesome and healthful environment possible."

Kaplan said that in the cases of Randolph and Watson, "their constitutional rights were observed throughout the proceedings, and both service members were represented by military and civilian counsel."

The letter was signed by Rep. Elaine Noble (D-Back Bay), Rep. Ann C. Gannett (R-Wayland), Rep. Anthony M. Gallugi (D-Wakefield), Rep. Melvin H. King (D-South End), Rep. Doris Bunte (D-Roxbury), Rep. Royal L. Bolling, Jr. (D-Dorchester), Rep. Robert L. Fortes (D-Mattapan), Rep. Barney Frank (D-Back Bay), Rep. Laurence R. Buxbaum (D-Sharon), Rep. Genevra R. Counihan (D-Concord), Rep. Mary E. Goode (D-Roxbury), Rep. Barbara E. Gray (R-Framingham), Rep. Lois G. Pines (D-Newton), then-Speaker of the House David M. Bartley (D-Holyoke), Sen. Bill Owens (D-Boston), and Sen. Robert A. Hall (R-Lunenburg).

Cardinal Urges Empathetic Ministry

Humbert Cardinal Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston, in a pastoral letter dated June 10 said, "Some organized lobbies are urging city councils and state legislatures to revamp legislation which they see as discriminatory in jobs and housing. Some people are even asking if a homosexual can remain a practicing Catholic."

The Bishops' Committee on Pastoral Research and Practices has taken this matter under serious consideration. They have prepared for distribution to priest-confessors a booklet which deals with the moral and pastoral problems of people who are homosexuals.

The Church in her teaching has always considered homosexual activity, whether in thought or deed, to be objectively sinful. Catholic tradition

teaches that the use of genital sexuality is objectively good only when it is between man and woman, within marriage, significative and causative of conjugal love and open to procreation. By their very nature, homosexual acts exclude all possibility of the transmission of life. Hence they cannot fulfill the procreative purpose of the sexual faculty.

When we have occasion to minister to people beset by problems relating to homosexuality, it is important for us as priests to help them properly to evaluate their experiences. It is important to realize that in some instances they may be the victims of these innate tendencies for which they are not personally responsible. In other instances homosexual drives may be consequent upon acquired experience of homosexual relations. In still other cases, for whatever reason, those who report homosexual problems may have been exposed to unhealthy influences in which homosexual drives, which might otherwise have been avoided, have been artificially stimulated.

As we try to help such people understand and accept their feelings, we do not want to concur in any conviction that fostering these desires or entering into overt homosexual behavior is a normal and moral expression of sexuality for them. We will not ultimately help them by allowing ourselves to give tacit or explicit support to any homosexual thought or deed.

It is being said by some today that in the past, homosexual or bisexual people have not always experienced comfort and strength from some of those associated with the Church. Regardless of what may be said, I am writing to encourage you to real empathy in your ministry to them, while reaffirming once again the authentic teaching of the Church in this area. In many ways, the example and pastoral concern of chaste and loving celibate priests can be a sign of hope for them that 'nothing is impossible with God' (Lk. 1.37)."

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EDITORIAL

On June 29, in Providence, thirty gay women and men gathered on the steps of the Federal Building. They had been given official sanction to hold a candlelight vigil as part of Gay Pride Week. This was a big event for Providence where the gay movement has suffered many setbacks in the past two years. Instead of harassment by onlookers, there was harassment by the local police. Comments were: "The cocksuckers are taking over the world," and "If the Russians invaded tonight, all they would have to do is drop their pants and we would lose the war right then."

The Providence police have always been noted for being brutal in their "enforcement" of the law, especially towards gays. There have been many

incidents (some witnessed by as many as fifty people) of brutality toward gays. Usually the victims are hustlers or drag queens but occasionally less conspicuous gays are picked up. Fear prevents any sort of court action against the police.

A class action suit against the Providence Police Dept. was filed a few years ago by the Coalition of Black Leadership. Close to 90 witnesses to the racist tactics of the police were brought into court. The first black man to testify was paid a visit that night, and he and his family were beaten. Nothing was done. It was reported in the *Providence Journal* as an "alleged incident."

Mayor Vincent Cianci of Providence has vowed equal protection for all under the law. Where is it?

pansexual institutions

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I am writing because unity must come about thru our efforts and struggle. We must join hands and hearts to shatter all existing racial and sexual precepts of the way people ought to be and accepting simply the way people are.

I believe it's past time for us to realize and accept the fact that our society is moving in a positive direction where people will no longer be accepted on the basis of race and gender. If we are to be in reality; One People United Under God, we must with pride demonstrate our pansexual love for each other.

Too many won't accept being pansexual because we have too long been spoon fed many negative myths about bisexual behavior. Because "man" is so into ego identity, pansexuality became a term that is new to many, and with many there remains a last vestige of the old standards of racism, sexism, and gender ego hang-up.

Pansexual relationships are more realized in institutions, and in many cases are responsible for the awakening of the multi-sexual natures of their inmates. Out of need for affection and companionship there is little gender ego competition, thus the need to love rises above the ego's need to dominate.

Am I an active pansexual? Yes I am, and proudly so. I want very much to meet and if possible marry a pansexual female. I wish to meet Sisters and Brothers who too realize what non-racist, non-sexist liberation is about.

Racist and sexist attitudes are slowly being torn down on a controlled basis, and where they exist they must be confronted head on. I am in the struggle for total unity of sister and brotherhood. Now is the time, we cannot afford to wait any longer.

Love, Peace, and Gay Unity,
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christian column

Dear GCN,

I want to say, after a year of happy reading, one thing I'd like to see in my community paper is a regular column of interest to Gay Christians which would include maybe also news of MCC. After all the steam of teapot tempests clears and one works through some personal sore spots inflicted by some of those human church members, prone to various humanities — some light, some heavy, some plain ugly vicious, and some damn fine, MCC stands out like a beacon on a hill top, winning court cases, serving gay alcoholics, and offering wing ding dances and parties to the otherwise no place to go but to adults consenting privately crowd. Maybe I'm the only one, but I want more than privately; I say the whole world is mine, too.

Bless you,
Jacqueline Sperry

fabiola fun story

Dear GCN:

Just got the July 12 issue of GCN. Loads of fun! Couldn't put it down! Oh, that column by that devil "frank" with yet another fabiola fun story about Miss Judy (goodness, my scrapbook is overflowing). Prisms from a chandelier, dear me! And, ooo, doesn't Marlene look simply stunning? Oh, and thanks, Horizon, for the tip about getting rid of that nasty armpit hair (you're sooo right, I don't wanna look like any nasty, ol' hippie).

Enough!!
It's disgusting to see GCN going the *Advocate* route. Why is this happening?

This is one Faggot who couldn't give a shit about either Miss Judy or "pause . . . Marlene Dietrich". Just other Gays and what they're up to.

Sincerely yours,
Steve Hicks

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GCN:
WATSON WHAMMIED? You've got to be kidding!!

Philippe Guertin

LETTERS

Letters to the Editor should be 200 words or less. We still retain the right to edit all letters.

grand jury defense

Dear GCN:

As women actively engaged in the building of a strong socialist feminist movement, we know that the state is meeting our strength with repression. A major instrument of this repression is the grand jury. We must organize now to take the offensive.

The original purpose of the grand jury was to protect the citizen from government abuse. However, the grand jury has been manipulated into a vicious instrument of governmental repression against resistance and dissent. It has been used in attempts to undermine our movements, deflect our energies, create paranoia and distrust, and force us into a defensive position. We will not let this happen!

Wherever people are in motion, grand juries and FBI harassment are a possible weapon of attack. It has targeted many parts of the movement — the women's movement and, in particular, lesbian communities, Third World liberation struggles, progressive media, and lawyers involved in the representation of activists opposed to the government. All of these groups have faced grand juries.

Right now, four sisters are in jail in Connecticut, Kentucky, and California for refusing to testify before grand juries harassing women's communities and hunting underground activists. Twelve people active in the political and legal defense of Black Liberation Army activists and other political prisoners have been subpoenaed to a grand jury in New York City. Subpoenas are being issued to Native Americans at the Pine Ridge reservation as part of that campaign of terror.

We, at this conference, affirm our commitment to fight FBI and grand jury harassment. Our strongest weapon in this struggle is a firm position of non-collaboration. We must educate our movement communities and the public to build a culture of resistance. We must mobilize to expose and stop these secret, tyrannical proceedings. We support and learn from those who have resisted and continue to resist. We will show that the grand jury will not stop us from building our movement. It will bring us together and strengthen us to fight and stop this abuse and this system. Sisters, we are learning from you.

Following are some very important *concrete* ways that we can help this fight:

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Frankfort, KY

Ellen Grusse and Terri Turgeon
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2. We need to educate our communities about these vicious attacks and ways of resisting them. Many groups are beginning educational campaigns. For information write to:

New York Women's Union-Grand Jury Project
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ANTI-SEPARATIST

By K.L.

Having just received the July 19 issue of GCN, I would like to take immediate umbrage at the "forum" on homosexual separatism written by Walter J. Phillips.

Gays have nothing to be gained by taking a separatist path, as the wracking sense of paranoia experienced by many should show. For too long, gays have been forced to reside in a separatist corner of society — a corner delegated not by "us" but by "them." To return to that corner means a return to "the closet" and a societal and self-imposed existence

which would make a mockery of the meaning of gay pride.

If gay pride means anything, it means that persons who sexually prefer members of the same sex are willing to stand toe-to-toe with heterosexuals and consciously demand assimilation into the mainstream of society. It means that gays are no longer willing to be relegated to a distant corner dictated by guilt — whether imposed by society or by themselves. It means that gays and their sympathizers and supporters will fight for laws that equalize opportunities for jobs, housing, public accommodations, etc. — laws which, in effect, humanize society and tear down discriminatory barriers which gays have helped erect by their willingness to play the separatist game.

What society would most like is for gays to open and once more close the

door to "the closet." The majority would like to forget that gays exist, an existence which is a thorn to their conscience, in demanding to be recognized as full human beings, competent in jobs and productive in helping build a stronger society. The majority, ultimately has to deal, as it did (badly) with demands for equality from Blacks, Spanish-speaking and Native Americans, with its own guilt feelings about homosexuals. Phillip's argument that "separatism can bring more than a culture reflective of our lives and just society, it can bestow economic and political power" is unrealistic and, even if it were not, would bring tragedy to a vision of a world in which American people of diverse cultures, diverse ideologies, and diverse experiences can converge in a common goal — a striving for a sense of

humanity.

As human beings, we all have one thing to offer one another. That, in a so-called "alienated" society, is support; support in the fight to build a just society, support to bolster up one another in the daily struggle to emerge as full and fully-conscious human beings, support in bridging self-imposed and society-imposed gaps that continue to reinforce stereotypes.

Phillips states that "each can seize control of his own life simply by moving and congregating with other homosexuals in certain geographic areas, and help build a homosexual homeland." My suspicion is that a true homeland can only be built by gays willing to devote the effort and the energy and the love required to remove the philosophy of separatism from our hearts.

National Gay Prisoners Coalition Calls for Congressional Investigation of U.S. Bureau of Prisons

By John Gibbs

After three years of attempting to be recognized as an Educational and Rehabilitation program, the Feds are still giving N.G.P.C. the cold shoulder, as well as oppressive conditions.

As Chairman, I've been transferred almost constantly for 2 years. I have lawsuits and damages pertaining to this and I am also working on a class action suit pertaining to Religious services sponsored by M.C.C. or Dignity and to outside Gay Organizations which support our Educational Rehabilitation program.

As a threat to unity, the Government is constantly oppressing anyone who is trying to organize. Among the neglects by officials is the lack of concern toward murders, rapes and assaults,

while for years they have stirred up racial conflicts between inmates and caused many horrible deaths. The capitalistically-run prison system, under Norman A. Carlson, is the biggest and most corrupt prison system ever in existence. Mr. Carlson has admitted that there is no hope of any rehabilitation in the federal prison system. The Prisoners are tired, weary of the oppression by drugs, beatings, transfers and forced experimental programs. A congressional investigation would be the only event that could possibly help turn the prison system in a more humanized system, although we agree that with a capitalistic government, nothing is to be trusted too far! A solid government among the people can only be of a socialist nature in which every class of people can share in all future progress of the country.

We can only hope for and demand the resignation of Norman A. Carlson and his puppets, including wardens

and officers who have and who still are ripping off inmates and spreading hate, racial problems, oppressing gays, Blacks, Chicanos, Indians and all other minorities which attempt to survive under the heel of capitalistically-run



prisons.

Hopefully, all federal prisoners, outside supporters and the concerned public will send letters to every known congress member, urging an investigation into the ripping off of federal prisoners and the treatment which creates murders, riots, etc. Your tax dollars are spent by the thousands on such things as the transfer of persons from coast to coast. Meanwhile, official oppression of any good programs established by the inmates

continues, and any unity is broken up. The prison system is so corrupt that it is attempting to waste tax money on such forced programs as experimental drugs to make robots of all prisoners, seizing the rights from anyone who isn't for Big Brother. In Butner, North Carolina, they are seeking to operate on a prisoner's mind while beating them and forcing drugs on them in the meantime.

We can only hope that steps will be taken before the corruption can increase and spread further. All letters, demonstrations, etc. will have a real effect on our unified program to force a congressional investigation and to establish new rehabilitation half-way houses to train people for any type of job that is available.

Peace and Love,
In Struggle,
John Gibbs, #245841,
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My first interview. Isobel Miller, author. Trek down to Greenwich Village. Borrowed tape recorder bouncing in my not-quite-Gucci canvas bag. Nervous. Hope she makes it easy for me. Do so want to see my name in print. Ring the bell. Up the stairs sweating. Smiling, grey-haired woman lets me in. Tiny apartment, as unpretentious as the book *Patience and Sarah*. Crocheted afghan covers the couch. Flora crowd the windows. Real fireplace filled with paper garbage (mostly empty Lark cartons). Turn the recorder on. The book is charming. Talk into the mike. Actually I have prepared some questions. Fifteen minutes after my arrival we have gone through them. Find myself at her warm pine table with mind completely blank and 105 minutes left on the tape. Anything else you want to ask me, Isobel? Big rich laugh. Eyes disappear when she smiles. Nope. I like her. She is basic. Like Harry Truman. So we chat. Background on the book (“I’m so tired of telling this story”): she visited the New York State Historical Society Museum in Cooperstown and saw Mary Ann Willson painting. Tiny card next to it: “Miss Willson and her farmerette companion, a Miss Brundage, lived and farmed” blah-blah-blah. She saw “farmerette companion” and thought “Ah ha!”

Research through Green County, New York, records turned up nothing. Characteristics are her own invention: dialect is from Michigan grandfather. She became absorbed in fictionalizing Miss Willson and her farmer and companion.

Difficulty in getting published was not, as one might think, a moral issue, but a practical matter. (“They want to make money and they didn’t think there was an audience for it.”) She published it herself. Manuscript scout finally sold it to McGraw Hill who sold it to Fawcett for paperback. Miller was relieved to be rid of the responsibility. (“I was very glad to let them do all that crap. So sick of going to the Post Office and making out forms for the state. You know you can’t sell a

beanbag on the street without collecting sales tax.”) She lived off her royalties for three years — every writer’s dream.

I compliment her on the book (You’re probably tired of hearing this, but . . .) No, she is tired of talking about it. Is always ready to hear a good word. It’s a truly charming story whose value lies in the fact that it doesn’t pander to that predominant straight male fantasy of “two women in bed.” It is slightly, only slightly reminiscent of *The Fox*, without Lawrence’s inverted sense of justice (“The lesbian looking for her master. I hate Lawrence. He makes me so mad I throw him across the room.”) So much for *Patience and Sarah*. Working on anything now? “Yes and no. I don’t want to talk about it.” Okay. I swallow. Chat some more and go home. Transcribe the tape and find I have done more talking than she has. But here goes.

Final Words on *Patience and Sarah*

“I had been trying to write a book for a while about myself and my friends and I’d get bogged down in guilt. I was very glad to find this topic that absolutely engrossed me and didn’t make me feel guilty and didn’t invade anyone’s privacy.”

(I was caught up short by the blurb on the paperback that said, “Bold, innocent and strange . . . that was their love.” Did you have any say about the cover?)

“No, I was very dismayed and very pissed off. They didn’t understand that there was a market for this. When my edition was running out I had hundreds of orders from colleges and women’s studies courses and it had just begun to have that market. It could have sold a slow but honorable amount if they had given it a decent cover. They would not understand that the book had a use. They thought they had to make this sexy cover that would attract people on the newsstands and I don’t think it attracted anybody. They sort of fell between stools all the way.”

On Reaction to *Patience and Sarah*

“I haven’t had any weirdo letters, would you believe? No one telling me I was a corrupter of morals. The *Times* gave it a fairly good review. My editor was taking reviewers by the throat and assaulting them for not reviewing it. The only bad review I got was in *Gay*, a now-defunct weekly gay paper. Gay people are really difficult. It’s an unwillingness to be satisfied. We seem to have some vague image by which we declare everything inadequate but we don’t know what it should be instead.”

On Parents

“I think we have to have a little pity for parents. Mine are dead and I never came out to them. For one thing they’re afraid you’ll be unhappy and that you’re cutting yourself off from the real world and you won’t have children and they won’t have grandchildren. There is real grief in it as well as being tight-assed. It just this moment occurs to me that adolescent girls in the past have gotten pregnant to punish their parents. Maybe what they’re doing now is being gay to punish them.”

On the N.Y. March

“I think the lesbians are planning to boycott the march for some reason. Beats the shit out of me. I’ll march. The march itself started as a commemoration to the Stonewall Riots. The police busted a bar in Sheridan Square in 1969, I think, and the gay people instead of hiding and trying to bribe the cops came out swinging. The march is a joyous thing. It’s not a protest. It’s an assertion. I’ve been on all of them. It used to be quite a high to go and it hasn’t been lately. And of course the damn TV — there you are with hundreds of other people on this march and there will be one guy in a fairy costume with wings and *he’s* the one who’ll get on TV. Gay people have always had a problem because we try to disown the transvestites, the drag queens. I think the transvestites are to the gay movement what lesbians are to the feminist movement and we just

plain have to get used to them. I remember the first few marches I went on I thought ‘Why do these weird creatures have to be here wrecking our image?’ Actually all women are transvestites in a sense, wearing trousers and men’s shirts. I think they like to play dress up. Somebody once said there isn’t any right way to be gay. You can’t say this kind of gay person is okay but that one over there isn’t. At first I wanted to crack their heads when they went around swishing. I’m absolutely indifferent to them now, and it’s not because of any great insight. I just got used to them. Society as a whole has to get used to gay people.”

On Lesbians in the Feminist Movement

“I think the feminist movement is getting used to us. They don’t want to tarnish their image either. They say, ‘My God, we’ve got all this trouble and you’ve got to add this issue too? Which is a false issue? Which is a lavender herring?’ I remember the former president of New York NOW practically begging us with tears in her eyes, ‘For god’s sake don’t bring up this issue *now*. This is the wrong time and the wrong place. If NOW gets identified with lesbianism it’s dead.’ There’s something to be said for it.”

On Organizations in the Gay movement

“There is a breakdown on the question of what organizations should do. Should they be social or should they bomb the Mayor’s office? When these questions come up in organizations the group dies shortly thereafter. It’s mostly a social thing and you have a speaker and you listen to her and you drink some coffee and you talk to your friends and you go home. And there’s always somebody who says, ‘We should be doing more. We should be zapping somebody.’ So they call a zap and nobody shows. Even most of the people who say they want to be active don’t go on the marches and the demonstrations and it all becomes chaos.”

KAHNEY

On a Homosexual Sense of Community

"I became convinced when DOB died in New York that we had to change our heads before we changed society. So I began to believe in CR groups. They were doing great for a while. Sidney Abbott got up the first lesbian CR group and there were about 20 going and it was really wonderful. That's all faded away. I started some but they never got off the ground. What I was hoping was that out of the CR groups would come a feeling of community, a sense of automatic loyalty to other gay people. I told the women when I started the groups that I didn't care if they liked me, but they better love me. And if I'm arrested they better be out in the streets yelling and waving their fists. And they were. I was arrested in 1971 for running a lesbian dance. The charge was a liquor law violation, ostensibly. And the women were out in the streets yelling. It wouldn't happen like that today. Lesbians, homosexuals in general, have always been hard to organize because we've always been loners, outsiders. We lack the techniques essential to the community-forming impulse. We don't know how to run things or participate in a group. And it's a very sad development that the gay men and women do not work together in the movement here. I was in Rochester a few years ago for a celebration of the anniversary of the first gay organization there. Jill Johnston came in and made this announcement that she was the main speaker and that she would not speak to men and the men had to leave the room. It's very sad.

"Another bust may galvanize the community. When I first came to New York there was a restaurant-bar on Christopher Street that posted a sign that read 'This is a raided premise' and went on to say it had been busted for serving homosexuals. There was a cop at the door. Another bar said 'If you're gay, stay away.' This was during the Wagner administration. When Lindsay came in he wiped it all

away with one executive order. No more cops around watching who came and went. A bust today seems unlikely. People have forgotten what it was like and I'm glad they have but I'm also sorry they don't know the history. The movement is only about five years old and we've made more progress than any other movement in the same time period. Being invisible can be a help, but it can also be a handicap. Perhaps if we were some other color we would be forced to unite. We can all hide any moment we choose."

On Lesbian Sexuality

"I often thought I had come to the feast too late. I was 34 before I came out and married for quite a while and thought I was a failure. I had wasted my youth and beauty on the straight world and it serves me right. But I discovered the great thing about being a lesbian is that your erotic life can go on and on and on and on. I don't know of any other sexual preference that has that benefit."

On Homosexual Chic

"That's one of the sad things. When we get accepted, which we will, our revolution will succeed, then we've got the problem that straight people have, which is that everybody does it, whether they want to or not. Women will get funnelled into lesbian relationships as they now get funnelled into wedding dresses and it will be absolutely as meaningless."

On Her Dreams

"I wish somebody would make a movie out of *Patience and Sarah* and I'd get very rich. With this wealth I would establish a lesbian home. It would be some kind of industry so we could give employment to every lesbian. And it would be a lesbian archive for letters and diaries and notebooks, a historical center for research on lesbianism. It would be a museum and also an old lesbians' home. One of the real problems with lesbians is that most don't have children. Only about a third do, so there's nobody with a natural

obligation to take care of you. Nursing homes are appalling and on top of all the horrors everyone would be straight. So I thought, old sailors, old Armenians, old Jewish people all have their own homes. We should have a place like that too. I keep waiting and waiting to get rich so I can make it happen. I am determined not to make it democratic. I have quite a bit of experience in the movement and I've become convinced that anything open to a general vote is a shambles. It needs to be quite autocratic and I decided I would be the autocrat. My autocracy wouldn't be a matter of elitism. It would just be a matter of making sure the bills got paid without bringing it to a vote. I've read quite a bit of the history of American colonies in the 19th century. Someone was always thinking of ideas on how to live correctly and getting up these little colonies.

"I would hire Frances Doughty, who is a very good administrator, to study legal problems and other models and hire people. She said, 'What about animals?' and I said, 'Oh, we'll have to say no animals.' She said, 'You're not going to get lesbians away from their animals. Nobody would come. And there would just be an illicit traffic of kittens and puppies anyway so you might just as well say they can come.' I knew then that Frances was a perfectly marvelous and realistic administrator."

Miscellany

"I would like to go at bat for gay arts. There have been gay artists since time immemorial but unfortunately we have not used ourselves as our topic. So homosexuals have written straight stuff and I would like to see us dance and sing and write about ourselves. We

are now, just beginning. There isn't that much material around. When I started my own press I thought 'Why not publish other people's books too?' I always thought that every author had at least one gay book down at the bottom of the filing cabinet that nobody would take and why shouldn't I get all this good, secret stuff out so people could read it. Maybe it's still in the bottom of the filing cabinet. I advertised in *The Ladder*, in 1969, but I didn't see anything of first quality. I wish *Flying* (Kate Millett, 1974) had sold better. If it had, the publishers would have said, 'Oh boy, let's get some more of this.' It didn't sell well at all. The problem is a paucity of material. We don't need any more rhetoric about 'gay is good.' That's accepted. No good liberal will dare say a word against gay people. And once 'gay is good' is out of the way what do you say? Mary Renault has a belief I read in an interview that we should write books people will read and not these little cult books. We should write books of general interest and make the minor characters gay. Then we can weasel our way into the publishers by showing that these minor characters are 'just folks.' I remember lending a gay book to a straight friend years ago. She brought it back and said, 'Who is Gale Wilhelm?' I said I didn't know. She said, 'If she were writing straight stuff she would be one of our foremost writers. Everyone would know her name'."

On the Treatment of Lesbians in the Media

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GCN reporter, confers with Baez.

Joan Baez seems to walk the fine line between diversity and lack of political commitment. Wearing a vampy black gown and make-up, she laments that her band won't listen to her because she's a woman. While on a promotional tour for her first commercial album ("My two political albums just didn't sell. I was running out of money."), she plays a free concert. When asked about the position of women in the recording industry, she replied, "I suspect they're treated as second class citizens," but refers to feminists as "those womens libbers," she cannot seem to take a political stand.

Commenting on the band situation, Ms. Baez said, "I got really angry at them last night because they wouldn't listen to me. They're not used to taking directions from a woman; it's not in their psychology. The band is just a bunch of apolitical chauvinist guys whom I love alot." One could suspect that if Joan were a Black slave, she would organize a C-R group for her master because he's oppressed, too.

Baez spoke about the artificial role models in advertising for both men and women, stating that both are pictured as weak and ineffectual. GCN commented, "I agree with you that men are locked into sad psychological roles, but wasn't it their power that created those roles?" There was an uncomfortable silence in the room. She looked around and said, "Well, I don't know if we want to get into this. I mean, I don't

know what other questions people have." More tense silence. "I don't know what you're calling power. I mean, when I go on tour, at the universities, in high schools, I really sense a feeling of powerlessness, of impotence. That's not just women, that's everybody." Again, Baez seemed unwilling to recognize a difference.

"It's very hard for me to relate to

Women's lib, particularly because of a poor beginning. When I was first married to David, two heavy-handed feminists came to my door. I was washing dishes, sweeping floors, cooking and having the most wonderful time of it. They were absolutely furious about it. See, they'd probably been married and been through it and wanted to be liberated from it, and I

was just getting into it.

"The difficulty, when one goes about discovering his or her own oppression, is that the righteousness that comes with that discovery makes you feel that you're the most oppressed person who ever lived. You think that your group is the most oppressed and suddenly, there's this wall around you, a wall of righteousness: no one has ever suffered the way I have, no one can understand me. The danger of that, in the women's movement, is that it comes at a time when men are already terrified. They must be terrified to have acted as moronic as they have to women all these years," Baez commented to show why she does not join any particular group, the women's movement in particular.

Baez has the distinction of being one of the few known bisexual performers to avoid deftly the issue of lesbian-feminism in her music and the running political commentaries. Last year, a reporter asked her to comment on her bisexuality in the light of lesbian liberation. She guipped, "I'll comment on my sexuality when the dead bodies stop flowing in the Mekong." When GCN asked her to comment on that, Joan said shortly, "The bodies are still flowing."

Joan Baez says she doesn't fit into any political stereotype. She sees identifying with one movement as denying the interdependence of all social problems. Homophobia, sexism, racism she attacks as a whole. Thus, she does not identify as a lesbian or a feminist. "The important thing about any liberation movement is that those individuals can stand up as people, as part of mankind."

Listening to Baez is like hearing the *Sgt. Pepper* album again: both recall feeling of brotherhood with all men, the promise of the late 60s. To lesbian-feminists of today, those who have given allegiance to the sisterhood of all women, Baez' words may sound like a golden oldie

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6. Fight the Power, Isley Brothers

Extras

Can't Give You Anything But My Love, Stylistics (Russell Presto, Jacobs Ladder)
One Thing on My Mind, Persuasions (R. Presto, Jacobs Ladder)
Do It Anyway You Want To, People's Choice

Disco Notes

Tom Moulton reports his working on the new Gloria Gaynor album due to be released around Labor Day. He says one side (like the last album) will be a medley of three songs. One of the cuts is a re-done oldie.

Jimmy Stuard has company at 1270. Separate DJs will be mixing 'em downstairs while Jimmy stays on second floor. They have now begun a \$1000 dance contest.

Dimples had a "Little Miss Dimples" night in Newton. Entire proceeds for the night went to United Cerebral Palsy. I did some of the disco-ing and MCing. Bob Shapiro (Disco DJ) finished the night with some fine mixes. Channel 7's Bob Garnere and Barbara Borin were guests as was Mayor Ted Mann. Proceeds about \$1000.

John Luongo filled for me at Tony C's in Nahant (thanx) as Tony C's adds another night of disco (Sunday and Tuesday).

Lucifer planning to suspend live entertainment for seven days in August to do disco and feature a \$5000 dance contest! Judges will be media and disco people.

shirt, incorporating a regular cotton collar into the classic knit shirt. Gant and Lacoste are notable among the other makers of this hot item. Our advice is to move fast, because the Zayre set will soon be discovering this fashion trend!

Jack Ford, son of the President, recently visited Le Jardin, New York City's top disco, and commented, "They sure don't have anything like this in Washington," it was reported by chic *W Magazine*. We can imagine what it is like in Michigan, Jack.

We thought you would be interested in knowing that the Boston Ballet will be presenting ten free performances at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade. Three separate programs will be danced, featuring styles ranging from classical to ragtime, on July 23-27 and July 30-August 3, all at 8:30 pm.

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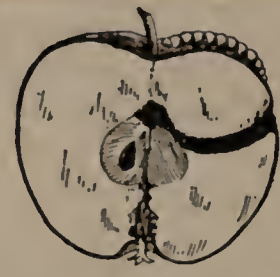
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I am incarcerated in the state of Ohio. I have no family or friends being here alone without receiving any mail and no hopes of a parole plan is more than I can bear. I am 26, 145 lbs., 5' 9", blue eyes, br hair. I am only a lonely man looking for a secure love to end my fear and doubts of the future. Please write: Harold Boyd, #131-836, P.O. Box 787, Lucasville, OH 45648.

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28 mon

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29 tues

A report on the International Women's Year Conference and Tribuna held in Mexico City, by Sally H. Lunt, representative from the Mass. Governor's Commission of the Status of Women. To begin at 7:30 pm in Boylston Hall, Harvard Yard (next to Widener Library), everyone invited. Free.

Open Meeting: The last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, *Gay Community News* has set aside for an open meeting with the community. If you would like to be heard or just listen, go to the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St. (across from Granary Burial Grounds), Boston. Transsexualism is one of the topics to be talked about this evening. For further information call (617) 426-4469.

2 sat

Lambda dance, Brunswick, Me., Unitarian Church, Pleasant Street, 9:00 pm-1:00 am. \$1 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away.

Open House at Libow Pottery, a meeting place for gay people. Go to the Old Schoolhouse, Harrisville, N.H., (12 miles from Keene). For further information call (603) 827-3388.

3 sun

Maine Gay Task Force meeting, 193 Middle St., Portland, 1:00 pm. If door is locked, call MGTf (207) 773-5530.

6 wed

The Framingham Unicorn Society will have a general meeting at 36 Concord St., Framingham, MA, at 7:30 pm.

8 fri

Gay Moonlight Cruise, to benefit the Homophile Community Health Center, on the Mass. Gay Line, Rows Wharf, 344 Atlantic Ave., Boston. Departure time 8:15 pm, return 11:15 pm. \$5.00 per person. There will be a band and refreshments on board. Tickets in advance from your friendly HCHS person. For more info call (617) 542-5188.



9 sat

Pioneer Valley Gay Picnic, 2 pm till ?, on the grounds of the Friends Meeting House in Leverett, (inside if it rains). Lots of woods around, and ponds nearby for swimming. Bring your own food, or a little extra to share. Watch for sign, "Friends Meeting," it will be a white sign on a post on the west side of route 63, 3 1/2 miles from North Amherst.

12 tues

The newly formed Caucus of People with Gay Concerns' steering committee is meeting at 6:30 pm at 63 Chapin Ave., in Providence, in an attempt to design both the community experience and the umbrella under which it might function. That meeting will then attempt to solicit wide-spread support from both the gay community and the supportive het community. Come help revive the Rhode Island gay community. All are invited to attend and bring a contribution to a pot luck meal. This is very important to all the gay people of Rhode Island. Please help.

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